

## John T. Vogel

**Experienced attorney who aggressively represents business and public sector clients in property tax assessments and tax exemption disputes.**

John is a shareholder and handles corporate, land use and tax assessment/tax exemption matters for businesses, institutions and individuals. He also represents school districts and municipal entities as solicitor or special counsel.

In representing clients in business law areas, John's experience includes:

- Counseling and litigation on commercial, industrial, residential and non-profit tax assessment appeals and tax exemption applications
- Development of curative land use amendments and litigation of land use approvals and zoning variances
- Lease development and counseling on lease disputes and interpretation
- Entity formation, acquisition and dissolution, contract drafting and negotiation

As solicitor or counsel for public entities, John's duties encompass:

- Counseling clients on general municipal and school law issues ranging from policy development to statutory and regulatory interpretation to advice on administrative and operational matters
- Negotiation of collective bargaining agreements, prosecution for and defense of clients in employee discipline matters and arbitrations
- Development of zoning and other land use ordinances, and counseling municipalities on zoning approvals
- Development of tax assessment and tax collection programs to ensure proper revenue for municipal/school operations
- Drafting of contracts and advising on employee benefits and intergovernmental cooperation issues
- Advising clients on and litigating disputes over special education (IDEA and Section 504) matters

### Practice Areas

- Zoning & Land Use
- Business & Finance
- Real Estate
- Municipal & School

### Awards + Recognition

*Martindale Hubbell "AV® Preeminent"*

### Professional + Community Affiliations

- Mt. Lebanon Economic Development Council, Chair
- Allegheny County Bar Association, Real Estate and School Solicitors Sections, Member
- Seton La Salle Catholic High School, Board of Trustees, Member
- Municipality of Mt. Lebanon Economic Development Council, Member
- Municipality of Mt. Lebanon Parks Advisory Board, Past Member
- Urban Land Institute, Pittsburgh Chapter, Executive Committee
- St. Bernard's Parish Pastoral Council, Past Member

### Education



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- Vanderbilt Law School (JD, 1989)
- University of Pennsylvania (BA, 1983)

#### Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

#### Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court of New Jersey